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E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MILI  
SUBJECT: UNITAS XIX EXERCISE

REF: STATE 311123

1. THE CHILEAN NAVY HAS INDICATED A STRONG INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN THE 1978 UNITAS EXERCISE AND PARTICULARLY IN CONTINUING THE TRIPARTITE PHASE WITH US AND PERUVIAN NAVY FORCES WHICH WAS REINITIATED LAST YAR. THE CHILEANS POINT OUT THAT THE TRIPARTITE PHASE IS PARTICULARLY USEFUL IN PROMOTING A POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PERUVIAN AND CHILEAN NAVIES AND DIMINISHING THE PROBABILITY OF PRECIPITANT ACTION.

2. FOR OBVIOUS POLITICAL REASONS THE GOC WOULD NOT LIKE TO BREAK YET ANOTHER LINK WITH THE US BY REFUSING TO PARTICIPATE IN UNITAS. THE ONLY DEVELOPMENT WHICH MIGHT ALTER THIS SITUATION WOULD BE A DRAMATIC CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE USG AND CHILE OVER  
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